

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Abstract to be consistent with the claims as allowed. The amendment to the abstract did not add new matter or change the scope of the claims as allowed. Applicants believe that the amendment is necessary to enable the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as well as the public, to quickly determine the nature of the technical disclosure from a cursory inspection of the Abstract. Further, Applicants believe that the amendment requires no substantial amount of additional effort by the Examiner and/or the Office. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment to the Abstract.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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